



GOD'S LOVE

A MOTHER'S MEDITATION

(Mrs. Cecile Foster)

(Dedicated to my grandmother, Mrs. P. H. Rogers)

When this awful war is over
And our boys come home again,
Won't that be a glad reunion?
Jesus keep us to the end.

All our precious mothers praying
For their loved ones so dear;
Oh, dear Jesus, watch over them
And keep them from all fear.

As they cross the deep waters
And in no man's land they trod,
May they always remember
That there is still a living God,

One that can shield them
And guide them all the way,
And can bring them home again
On that glad reunion day.

Be our Guide and be our Comfort,
And cherish us all the day,
For, dear Jesus, we are trusting
That Thou wilt lead us all the way.

THE GROUND OF

“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him,” Prov. 30:5.

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NOTICES

Open for Calls for Revivals

Anna V. Bishop, Rt. 3, Box 29, Walterboro, S. C.

Rev. W. B. Winfree, Gordonsville, Tenn.

Notice, Mississippi pastors and clerks, as my address will be changed after the Assembly, it will be necessary that all reports for the state treasurer be mailed so as to reach me by September 3. After then you will be notified where to send your mission reports.—John D. Carter, Mississippi state treasurer, Box 77, West Point, Miss.

A DETAILED REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY IN NEXT ISSUE

OBITUARIES

GRACE

Little Milford Grace, Jr., went to be with Jesus, June 25, 1944; age eleven months.—His brokenhearted father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Grace, Rt. 3, Double Springs, Ala.

COLLINS

Sister Alma Collins, a faithful member of the Church of God at Carswell, slipped away to be with Jesus June 5, 1944; age forty-six years.—Jesse K. DeGolyer, Box 31, Eckman, W. Va.

LUNDY

Brother Henry Lundy, a true Christian and member of the Church of God at Clyde, S. C., departed this life to be with Jesus August 1, 1944; age seventy years.—Mrs. J. B. Stuckey, clerk, Rt. 2, McBee, S. C.

WEBB

Rev. W. G. Webb, bishop in the Church of God, died at his home in Bogalusa, La., on June 27, 1944. Brother Webb was born in Jackson, Tenn.,

and began his ministry in the Baptist Church at the age of eighteen years. He received the Holy Ghost in 1910 and preached the full gospel until a few years ago when ill health forced him off the field of action. His heart was ever in the work of the Lord and he often spoke of his desire to return to the field and work for the Lord. He pastored churches in Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and served as state overseer of California and Arizona. We believe many who read these lines can say with the writer, "He who brought me the gospel has gone to be with the Lord." Brother Webb was sixty-one years old.—Mrs. Alvin Bruhl, Covington, La.

ROSE

On July 30, 1944, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rose, of Roderfield, W. Va., and plucked little Anna Helen from the home. She was born April 30, 1941, and died July 29, 1944. Pray for her bereaved parents.—Mrs. Ova Combs, Jim, W. Va.

A BAPTIZING AT NEON, KENTUCKY



Only about one-third of the crowd present are shown in the picture. We are proud of our church work this past year in Letcher County, Kentucky. Our ministers have been loyal and we have done a good work. We are praying that God will help us to do more.—James Dixon, pastor.

A Good Part

MRS. BRADY (THARP) GRAY

Text: Luke 10:42, "*But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*"

Some weeks ago, on Sunday morning, I felt deeply impressed to speak from this portion of scripture to the little flock my husband and I are trying to serve. It seemed to be a blessing to them, and since then I have felt that the Lord would have me pass it on to you, so I am writing this hoping it will prove helpful.

The main thought I wish you to keep in mind as you read this is the first and second clauses of our text—"But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part." Now that good part was the words of Jesus and taking heed to them, and that is what you and I should do today—to take heed to the words of Jesus or the Word of God.

It seemed that Jesus loved to visit the home of Mary and Martha whose brother's name was Lazarus, and He evidently visited them often. They, too, loved Him and did truly enjoy His visits. But let's notice the difference in the actions of the two sisters while Jesus was visiting them, and may I say here, we as children of God love Jesus but there is a difference in our actions toward Him.

Let us first notice the actions of Martha. She, no doubt, was glad to have Jesus, but her main thought was of the material things. She was cumbered with much serving. She had spent much time in tidying up the house, polishing and shining the vessels, from which she expected to serve Jesus, and was now very anxious about the preparation of the meal. Seemingly she was very hurt because Jesus

did not bid her sister, who was sitting at His feet listening attentively to what He had to say, help her. Let's notice Jesus' answer. "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." In other words, He meant that Martha was careful and troubled about things that were perishable, but Mary had chosen that spiritual food or part that would do her good in her dying hour.

Yes, we love Jesus, but some of us will stay home on Sunday mornings cumbered with many things rather than go to church and listen to that message the faithful pastor has sought of God, that our souls might be blessed and encouraged. Yes, you are like Martha, you are careful and troubled about many things, but what about the good part you have left off? Perhaps you will say, "When I am expecting the pastor and his family, the evangelist or some special guest for dinner I must have things in perfect order and a tasty meal prepared." Being a woman, I know most of us would like to have it that way, but, my dear sisters, after we have done this what will it profit us, if we have neglected that good part, food for our souls? I'm sure your pastor would rather have your presence at church and see the glory of God on your face as you take in "that good part," "the Word of God," than to have roast turkey with all the trimmings and see your place vacant. Glory to God, I am thinking now of some of those good Sunday morning services that our souls feast upon, that far surpass roast turkey. Many times after one of these services I've felt so fully satisfied that natural food had little attraction for me. I am sure some of you have had the same experience. Praise the Lord, there is a good feeling in my soul. Why, then, will we let the devil cumber us with so many things or cares of this life that we will leave off that good part?

One Sunday afternoon we visited a sister who was not present at the morning service, though her husband and children were. Without anything being said about her absence of the morning, she began to relate her experience of the morning. These were her words. "I stayed home this morning intending to prepare a nice dinner. I told my husband he might bring you folk home for dinner. After they left I began my cooking. The stove just wouldn't cook well at all. I

worried and worried with it until I was completely outdone, then other things began to go wrong. Finally, the dinner was prepared, but it was far from what I had hoped it would be. I thought while I was having this trying time, of a sermon my former pastor preached once when he was preaching on 'Excuses.' He said, 'A man who had rather fool with a yoke of oxen (you remember the man who offered that excuse) than go to a fine supper, was indeed foolish.' Then to think I had chosen to stay home and worry with that old stove than to go to church!" Well, this was the way Jesus had of rebuking her as He did Martha. Yes, she was cumbered with many things, but had neglected that good part, the needful part that will not be taken away from us, no not even in death. Glory to God, we had better be choosing that good part, Jesus is soon coming.

We may be ever so careful and troubled with material things, but in our dying hour this will be taken away from us, and will not profit us anything. But if we choose that good part, the Word of God and obedience to it, it will not be taken away from us, but will do us good when we have gone the last mile of the way. And, as Jesus told Martha, that is the one thing that is needful.

Now this is not the only thing you can be cumbered with. The devil will see that you have much to be cumbered with, if you will only give him the chance to heap it upon you. Anything you let keep you, man or woman, from obeying the Word is a cumberance. The devil will do all he can to keep you from hearing the Word of God, to say nothing of obeying it. Remember Mary sat at Jesus' feet hearing His words.

If you don't let something keep you from service, he will try to cumber your mind while you are there, maybe while the minister of God is doing his best to impart the Word to you, after much prayer and meditation. The devil is doing his best to cumber your mind so you won't receive it, that good part. Many times he succeeds. He cumburs your mind with chaff and you wake up to the fact some time in service and find your mind has been many miles away and you cannot remember just what the man of God has said. I heard one sister say she made a dress in her mind while the preacher was preaching. Have you

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Healing

God still saves and heals those who come unto Him in faith of His Word. Those who dare trust Him shall not be ashamed nor confounded.

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Mission Schools Endangered

In Burma, Papua, Fiji, New Guinea, the Solomons, and the Marshall, RNS reports that mission schools and colleges are endangered. Schools not up to government standards are expected to be curtailed, if not rejected.

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Reversible Tragedy

is evident where and when the pastor is an old man and one who is not particularly interested in young people and therefore takes little care of them, or vice versa when the pastor is a young man and cares little for the aged members of his congregation. God will hold both responsible for a dispensation of the gospel.

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Parents in Training

Protestant Voice reports that Dearborn Municipal Court in Detroit has instituted a "curriculum of religious duties toward a child." Parents are sentenced to the school for neglect of their children. Such a school ought to have a great enrollment.

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Clergyman Raids Slot Machines

Rev. Wesley G. Edwards of the Free Methodist Church at Santa Ana, Calif., raided slot machines valued at \$15,000, assisted by citizens, some of which wore deputy sheriff badges. They declared they were "serving notice on the gambling interests that their reign of terror in this country is over."

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Russia Invites Baptist Leader

According to report from Atlanta, by RNS, Dr. Louise D. Newton, vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has been invited by the Soviet Government to visit Moscow this fall. Dr. Newton will endeavor to obtain consideration from Stalin and other Soviet leaders for the 4,000,000 Baptists now in Russia.

The Women Be Praised

Who, with Mrs. Myrtle McLean Bannister, organized the Global Thinkers, Inc., the intent of which is to lead "womanhood back to respect" and "finer femininity." They purpose to insist that "finer femininity" will be produced by women abstaining "from drinking and smoking, getting out of slacks, growing up in modesty and generally raising the moral standards from the mire where they've begun to sink." God give us more women to help them.

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The German Church Encouraged

The church has triumphed because it has been willing to make great sacrifices for its independence. It is now taken seriously in political, social, and intellectual circles which formerly considered it an antiquated institution. Thus, while many have left the church, others have returned. Church attendance is increasing. Thousands are taking part in special meetings dealing with fundamental problems in which religion has a vital role. Evangelization campaigns in industrial cities are bringing new contacts with workers. The evangelization meetings also attract young people, particularly army men of all ranks. Great numbers attend communion services. Effective church membership is probably stronger than it was ten years ago.

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Famine

Famine is one of the awful judgments of God. Why exactly it has fallen so fearfully on China is known only to the Most High, but the horror proves what *can* happen, and in our lifetime. Since last summer 1,000,000 Chinese have died of famine in the province of Kwangtung alone. Mr. George Adams, Chairman of the International Relief Committee, says (*Times*, Feb. 5, 1944): "Whole families have been blotted out; tens of thousands have been widowed, and tens of thousands orphaned. I have seen children with eye infection caused by malnutrition. These children are one week from total blindness, and less than a month from death. I have seen orphanages where children died at

the rate of twenty a day, and other homes where living but hopeless cases were placed in rooms already full of the dead awaiting burial. I have been in streets so lined with dead that the authorities were unable to bury them fast enough." It makes it even more solemn that the Black Horse (Rev. 6: 5) has not yet set forth on its world tour.—*Dawn*.

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Erasing the Jews

ZURICH (JTA). — One thousand Jews will be executed in Hungary every time Allied bombers raid Budapest, the *Algiers* radio reported this week quoting the Hungarian Government newspaper *Uj Magyarasag*.

Meanwhile, Hungarian newspapers reaching here report that Jews moving from their homes in Budapest into the ghetto have been ordered not to move their stoves, electrical fixtures, blackout implements and air-raid shelter equipment. They must also submit to the authorities their property held in storage.

The same papers state 50,000 radios have been confiscated from Jews in Budapest and an additional 65,000 from Jews in provincial cities. Many of these sets are powerful enough to pick up broadcasts from London, Moscow, and even New York, the pro-Nazi Hungarian papers state. Jews who intentionally damaged their radios before delivering them to the authorities have been ordered to repair them at their own expense, in addition to receiving other punishment, the newspapers reveal. — *California Jewish Voice*.

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HOW I CAME TO KNOW CHRIST

By PVT. JOHN L. CASE

I was born in Spartanburg County, S. C., on July 23, 1911. My mother was a Christian as far back as I can remember. I was reared in a certain church and they taught us that holiness was trash and all they were good for was to run off with other men's wives. I joined the church when I was eight years of age. I did not know what I was doing. Mother and father had made arrangements for my sister, who is two years older than I, to join the church that day. When the preacher called her up to be sprinkled I went up, too. The preacher asked my parents if they wanted me to join and they gave their consent. I reckon I kept the teachings for I was counted a good member of the church. I always had a desire to live right, but I wasn't led the right way. Mother raised me the best she knew how, but that was not enough for me. She always told me not to use tobacco, while she used snuff. All the time that I belonged to this church I did not claim any salvation at all, and knew that if I died I would go to hell, yet I was considered a good member. This went on until I was about grown. Then my oldest sister "disgraced" the family by joining a holiness church, The Church of God. I will pause here to tell you how she was led of God into the Church.

She has a feeble-minded girl. They had been going to the Church of God to see a "free show," as she called it. It tickled her to see them shout and dance. One Sunday night they decided to go to the church to which my sister belonged. When they started in the direction of that church, her feeble-minded girl went to screaming and would not go any farther. They thought she was sick and went back and gave her some oil. The next Sunday night the same thing happened. Her oldest girl said, "Mamma, I believe she wants to go to the Church of God." My sister said that she thought she would see if that was the trouble, so they turned in the direction of the Church of God and she quit crying and was all right. My sister saw then that holiness was right, and accepted it. She would talk to me about my way of living and the way of holiness. I would tell her if holiness was

right our preacher would preach it. When God found me I was a holiness fighter.

We moved to Greenwood, S. C., and there was a Church of God close by. We started to attending it as I loved to hear them sing and preach. But when they would make the altar call I would go out the door and my wife would go with me. One afternoon we got a telephone call that my sister was real sick and they wanted my mother to come at once. When we got there she was almost out of her head. She knew Mother, but did not even realize that I was there. About eleven o'clock that night the holiness people came to pray for her healing. When they got through praying she was able to sit up with us. Mother said that if God could heal my sister in that manner He could give her a deeper experience with Him. She quit her snuff that night and the next time we went to church she went to the altar. After she received the Holy Ghost she joined the Church. Later Dad got saved, sanctified, and received the Holy Ghost and joined the Church. My youngest brother soon joined. Mother told me one day that she was praying for me to get saved and be a preacher. I told her that I might be a preacher some day, but I would not be a holiness preacher. Later on my wife got salvation and joined the Church, but before then she made the remark that it was all right to have religion, but there was no use to act a fool over it. I wanted to get saved, but could not give up my smoking and said that it was no harm to smoke. But, dear friends, it is the no-harm sins that damn your soul in hell. I tried several times to quit smoking, but could not. When I would go a few hours without smoking I would go wild and curse anything around me.

On August 22, 1935, there was a tent meeting opened up with Sister Margaret Jacobs in charge. On the following Sunday night I went to the altar and got saved from my sins, not in them, but from them. Praise God. I will never forget that night. It was August 25, 1935. When I got home I laid my tobacco aside. The next night I went to the altar again. You may wonder what I was doing in the altar

after I was already saved. Well, dearly beloved, I had read in 1 Thess. 4:3 that it is the will of God to be sanctified, and I was determined to do the will of God and get that blessing at all cost. I failed to get sanctified that night and went home all discouraged and listened to the devil too much and to God too little. I got my tobacco down and told my wife I was going to smoke a cigarette if I woke up in hell before morning. She began crying and I told her to hush, that I was going back to the altar the next night and I intended to defeat the devil. I smoked all the following day. True to my word, I went back to the tent and before the service started, I said, "Lord, I want to be free from the tobacco habit. I know that you can help me. I am sorry that I smoked today and I want you to forgive me. I want all you have in store for me." Something told me to throw my tobacco away so I threw it under the edge of the tent. When the altar call was made I was the first one in it. The Lord sanctified me that night and I was the happiest boy in the world, and praise God I haven't wanted a cigarette since then and that was August 27, 1935. The following Thursday night I was seeking the Holy Ghost and gave up and was just sitting there. Sister Jacobs came and asked me if I had received the Blessing and I told her I had not. She said, "Brother, did the Lord say seek till you get tired or till you get the Blessing?" I got back down at the altar. When I got up from that altar that night it was 12:30 a. m., but there was dwelling in my body the sweet Holy Ghost from heaven. Some say that this is of the devil, but let me tell you that I served the devil a long time and he never gave me the sweet feeling that was running through my being that night. That was August 29, 1935. So I joined the Church of God on September 1, 1935, and am not ashamed of it, but I am proud of it.

A little later God called me to preach the gospel to a lost and dying world that is on the road to hell at a breakneck speed. I was staying with my father-in-law that year. God laid it on my heart to start prayer meetings in that place. I refused for a while with the excuse that I couldn't preach. One Sunday afternoon I couldn't rest anywhere. I was sitting around talking with the rest of them

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The Sin of Pre-eminence

By Billy Myers

"I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church," 3 John 9, 10.

As you know, the word "pre-eminence" means "first place." A view of certain scriptural accounts will prove how much mischief the pride and ambition of one man may be the occasion of. We have here in this apostolic church a certain Diotrephes who loved to be the "big church boss," and, to carry his designs, was willing to sacrifice the spirituality of the whole church. The sin of pre-eminence has been the hurt of the church, the greatest hurt, all through the ages. It will continue to be until Jesus comes and thoroughly purges His floor.

God's attitude toward the sin of pre-eminence is manifest, and may characterize the heart and motions of those church leaders from the lowest office to the highest. Notice the bold-face rebellions of those who are overcome by this sin. Diotrephes for the first example. The scripture has already been presented. Now observe:

It is evident that Diotrephes was the pastor of the church to which John wrote. If he wasn't the pastor, he certainly bossed the pastor, and this is a common condition in many churches. We need not try to evade the issue and say that this sin doesn't give the Church of God trouble. It gave Moses the most of his trouble (the gainsaying of Korah, E. G.), it is manifest in the apostolic churches, and we often feel the goad and sting of it today. (I have no personal feelings.)

Now concerning John's letter, I want you to observe that he recommended to this church certain brethren. Whether he recommended these

brethren as those from which the church should select their next pastor, or as brethren to hold a meeting, is not quite clear; but regardless of that, it is quite clear that his letter signifies his apostolic authority. John was one of the twelve overseers ordained of Jesus Christ to care for the early churches. He was divinely authorized to recommend these brethren. I, as a common minister, could not legally write such a letter to any church, but we have overseers who have this right, for God hasn't left His Church without discipline and government. God hasn't left His Church to suffer helplessly at the hands of carnal Diotrepheses.

John recommended these certain brethren, but Diotrephes, filled with pride and ambition to excel, not only rejected the brethren, but was bold enough to prat against him who had the oversight of the church. "I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes rejected the letter with the greatest ingratitude. I recommended certain brethren to come and (I suppose) hold you a meeting. Diotrephes not only rejected them, but goes around prating against me for sending them: and he wasn't satisfied with this but went so far as to turn that part of the church out who wanted them. But if I come (for conference), I will remember his deeds." "I will remember his deeds" certainly means that John had the authority to deal with this ministerial rebel.

There are several questions as to why Diotrephes refused these brethren. He could have been jealous of them lest one of them be preferred as the next pastor. See how jealousy, that green-eyed monster that mocks the meat on which it feeds, will sometimes get into the sacred pulpit, the curse of God threatening notwithstanding. A certain thing in the text which will invariably manifest itself in the ways of a jealous preacher—he will surely take issue against that part of his church which shows interest in other ministers. It is a melancholy scene.

For a second example of this sin, and how it blocks the progress of the church, we refer you to the death of Amasa (2 Samuel 20). Let us view here the great army of David as a type of the church. The church is a mighty army in combatant service against the forces of evil; and those mighty battles fought by Israel of old are given to us for examples of the spiritual battles in our day.

Joab was chief general of David's army. He held first place; but in process of time David saw fit to step him down and elevate Amasa to the position. They had what we call a shake-up in the high command and Joab got demoted. In our minds we now see the mighty army of David marching toward Gibeon in pursuit of Sheba who has raised a rebellion against the king. Amasa is chief general and Joab now holds a secondary position. It is a church scene. Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! The army of God marches against the army of Satan. The two generals are in front leading the army and great progress is being realized, until at length Joab looks at Amasa with an eye of jealousy as he remembers how he was stepped down and Amasa placed in his position. We may suppose he then said in his heart: "Yonder is the one who stole my office." From thence he begins to hate him, and designs with what way he may get even. It is a sad scene that such a grand leader should strike at him who had the oversight of the army, especially at such an unseasonable junction, when they were going against a common enemy, and were concerned to be unanimous. Why, such an ill-timed quarrel might disunify the whole army, smash their morale, and so make them an easy prey to the enemy.

See here, Joab was content to sacrifice the king and the kingdom to his personal revenge. And so it is today. The church is engaged in her decisive battle. No time to lose; as David said to Amasa, "Up, gather your forces in three days." Brother

Preacher, the life of the church now depends on how we lead the army. First, we must be crucified to self-interest; we must not seek our own; we must recognize those over us in the Lord, and those over us must be led by the Spirit of God. **WE MUST BE WILLING TO TAKE A LOWER SEAT IF NECESSARY.** And to do these things we must keep our eyes on the enemy we are fighting, and the eternal peace that shall follow.

It can truly be said, That he who strikes at him who is over him in the Lord does in effect strike at God. When Joab struck at Amasa he did it in defiance to David and the commission he had given to Amasa. David was struck at through the side of Amasa, and was, in effect, told to his face that Joab would be general in spite of him. They who would have first place, if it takes striking at the pastor or the overseer, aims a death stroke at the spirituality of the entire church. Ambition to excel is a terrible thing, and writes upon the Church indelible marks of disgrace. When we analyze the sin in its true nature and results, we see,

1. **ITS SUBTILITY.** It is a premeditated sin; planned beforehand, which aggravates it a thousandfold. Joab girded his coat about him (verse 8), that it might not hang in his way; and girded his belt upon his coat, that his sword might be easy to his hand. It is implied that he put his sword in a sheath too large, that whenever he pleased, it might, upon a little shake, fall out, as if by accident, that he might take it up without suspect. Amasa observed the sword in a sheath too big for it, and we may suppose that he saw it fall out, but thought it an accident. See, in all of this Joab covered his evil designs. Joab lifted his sword (a short dagger) from the ground as if he designed to return it into his scabbard, when all the time he planned to sheathe it into the heart of Amasa. Now, what do we see? Here is an example of one who aims at killing his brother's influence in order to satisfy his thirst for position. When the tongue, like Joab's sword, is sheathed in a scabbard too large for it, it becomes a dangerous weapon. Those, like Diotrephes and Joab, love to sheathe their tongue-sword loosely. Then we see,

2. **IT IS A TREACHEROUS SIN.** Lifting the fallen sword from the
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Rebuilding the Family Altar

MRS. EARL BREWER

Many saints have stated that they are becoming conscious that, as the years slip by, the spiritual life of our congregations is not developing satisfactorily. As the old saints are passing on and the younger generation is taking over, there is a lack of old-time, positive faith and power. What is the cause of this declining? It is easy to answer, "Oh, it is just the spirit of the age." I believe this excuse comes from Satan's subtle propaganda which has found ready ears among ministry and laity alike. And so, consequently, many are resigned to the worst.

Churches are made up of families. Families are made up of individuals. The big question is, who molds the character of the individuals who will eventually make up the congregations in our churches? It is not the next door neighbor; it is not the teacher or the preacher. They may have some influence, but the individual's character is formed in the home by his father and mother. The lack of today is caused by the neglect in our homes. The neglect in our homes today will be responsible for our lack of tomorrow. The question arises, Will our churches be spiritual and bring forth fruit, be fat and nourishing, after we are gone; or will they wallow in the mire of modernism? It all depends on how our Pentecostal children are reared in our homes at this time. Instead of the situation improving, I fear it is getting worse. In this hour of temptation and strain, when the peace and joy and inward assurance that comes with constant devotion is indispensable to living a victorious life, it is truly grievous to see that many are too busy and preoccupied to "fool with the trivial hour of prayer." If your home is included in this large number, take heed!

There were nineteen children in the Wesley family, but they never knew a day that they were too busy for the family altar. Such blessedness was manifest in those seasons of Bible reading and prayer that sometimes as many as a hundred neighbors would throng the rooms of the humble home, to bow with the Wesleys before God's throne. Were those hours wasted? No, they were the foundation for all the blessedness of the great world-wide revival that came with the Wesleys.

Daniel had the habit of prayer. Nothing could keep him from it. What is keeping the so-called Christian from praying today? Living so close to the world it is uncomfortable. Daniel, the great man of God, with many nobles competing for his favor, at sunrise, noon, and night prayed unto God. In view of that consistent prayer life, can we wonder at Daniel's triumph when facing the lions? Do we covet his serenity in that testing hour? If so, then let us follow his example in his habit of prayer. The triumphs of Daniel's life were not accidents, neither will ours be! Having had a fine training at home, he was prepared for any eventuality. We have only to turn to the Book to find that he "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" (Dan. 1:8) and he did not. We may be assured that the discipline of his prayer life was a great reward to the old folks back home, who instilled into him in his youth the principles of godliness.

How will your young folk meet the crowd in the army, in the war plant, on the streets? How will they conduct God's work when the reins are thrown to them? Parents, the family altar in your home may be a bigger factor in the answering of these questions than we realize!

These are perilous times. There is a universal tendency to neglect prayer because so many interests push into our lives. If we neglect to give time for prayer and worship and have a family altar, we shall not fail to suffer spiritual loss now and, oh, how our churches will suffer in the future. There will be no faith for healing, no hunger for the Holy Ghost, no conviction of sin, no thrilling anticipation of Christ's return in glory. Shall we not catch the vision for the future and, regardless of conditions, rebuild in our hearts and homes the old-fashioned altar of prayer?

The highest point of efficiency one can reach in the kingdom of God is to learn how to be "a good and faithful servant."

Our service to God is no better than our service to our fellow men; as doing or not doing to them is doing or not doing to God.

Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

Notice

Greetings to all from Alaska. Anyone that has friends or relatives who live in Alaska, please write to us and tell us about them, giving their address, and, if you care to, tell us whether they are Church of God people or just friends of the Church. In writing to us, address all letters, in ink, to Rev. George Savchenko, Box 120, Seldovia, Alaska. If we receive a letter from anyone, and we do not give any dates, etc., remember our mail is censored.—*George Savchenko.*

CUBAN COMMENTS

Greetings from the beautiful Island of Cuba!

"The entrance of thy words giveth light." Psalm 119:130.

"It is very unusual to see *la Biblia* (the Bible) in a home," remarked a young fellow who came into our home recently and having seen a copy of the Bible lying on the table in the sitting room. And he was speaking the truth. To him it was a very unusual sight, for to the most of the people in Cuba the Bible is a closed book, and they know nothing of its teachings.

Another young man, a fine prospective Christian young man, in his late teens, said, as our conversation drifted to the subject of Noah and his building the ark, "I have not heard about that." Upon further speaking on the subject, he exclaimed, "Oh yes, it seems that I have heard something about that, but I cannot recall the details."

From these two incidents, the reader can readily gather that Cuba needs the Word of God. Everywhere the Word of God has gone, *light* has always been the result. "The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light . . ." And always with that *light* there follows *liberty*. "When the Son therefore shall make you *free*, ye shall be **FREE INDEED**."

Cuba is a very beautiful place, and the people of Cuba are a very friendly people, but they need the light of the gospel—the living Word of the

living God. More than four million people, most of whom are "sitting in darkness" here, await someone to bring them the light. *Four million!* Can we imagine such a thing? Yet, with all the passing years, these millions have remained in the dark—without the Word, "the entrance" of which "giveth light."

"And there stood a man of—Cuba—saying, 'Come over into Cuba and help us.' . . . and help us!" Help! HELP!! Help us!

Cuba, with its population of more than four million, and with the Island stretching more than seven hundred miles in length, and more than one hundred and twenty-five miles wide at its widest part, and about twenty-five miles wide at the narrowest part, stands in need of workers. It is made up of six provinces (or states) and has many large cities, such as, Habana, Santiago de Cuba, Camaguey, Santa Clara, and Matanzas, Cienfuegos, and many, many, smaller towns and villages. These places are awaiting Church of God witnesses.

Prayer is needed and urgently solicited for Cuba and the work and workers here. We need to know the

will of God, and move in the very center of His will for us and for Cuba. Prayer is needed that God will soon send us an outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Pentecost is needed in Cuba. Mighty revivals will break out when the "day of Pentecost is *fully come*" to Cuba. We have 'some fine people here. They want to receive the fulness of the blessing, like as "it fell on us at the time of our infilling." Will you help us pray to this end?

With the Apostle Paul, we will stop by saying, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries," 1 Cor. 16:9; and, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, . . . And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." Ephesians 6:18a, 19. God bless you.—*Dewey Heron, Missionary to Cuba.*

Saved While Young

Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. I thank God for free and full salvation, praise the Lord! I am so glad because I sought the Lord in the days (Continued on page 15)



The above is a picture of the Sunday School in Santa Barbara, Santiago de Cuba, which was made during my visit there before Brother and Sister Herron went to Cuba.—*Mission Secretary.*

The Church of God Orphanage

REV. F. R. HARRAWOOD, *Superintendent*

Great Year for the Orphanage

Since this will possibly be the last time that I will write to you as Superintendent of the Orphanage, I take this means of expressing to you my heartfelt appreciation for your loyalty and cooperation during this Assembly year. It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as Superintendent of the Orphanage, but I do not feel that I should neglect my ministry and for that reason I notified Brother Walker several months ago to begin looking for the proper man to take my place.

Through your cooperation this has been the greatest year, financially, in the history of the Orphanage and we now have more children in the Homes than we have ever had before.

The Coupon Drive a Great Success

At the close of the last drive we shipped to the Palmolive-Peet Company 568,608 coupons, for which we received a check in the amount of \$2,548.79. We are giving the names of the states that sent in over one hundred dollars' worth of coupons in this last drive.

Alabama	\$509.19
North Carolina	443.73
South Carolina	395.32
Florida	325.26
Georgia	301.98
Tennessee	168.95
Virginia	159.94

For this Assembly year we received \$3,930.46 for coupons. The states sending in over one hundred dollars' worth of coupons for this Assembly year are as follows:

South Carolina	\$912.84
North Carolina	788.71
Alabama	562.38
Georgia	495.97
Florida	330.61
Virginia	287.69
Tennessee	182.28
Kentucky	141.19

A Letter From One of Our Boys on Foreign Soil

My dear Brother Harrawood:

I have just finished reading your letter of April 20. I must say I was somewhat surprised to hear from you.



Yes, I can remember the days I spent there and I can state with pleasure that they were happy ones. I only wish that the rest of the boys who have been there and will be and the ones there now are as appreciative of the Home you have there as I am.

I hope to see you all again before very long as I plan to visit you whenever this war is over.

If you don't mind too much I would like to write a few words to the good people of our Church and all the boys and girls there. You will find it enclosed in this letter.

Yours respectfully,

Walter L. Taylor

Dear Boys and Girls of the Home:

Always remember what the matrons and overseers teach, and practice what you are taught.

This war, fighting and suffering, may seem unnecessary to you but it isn't of our doing. We are fighting to right a great wrong, and are doing our utmost to end this war and forever keep tyranny and dictatorship from our shores so that we can worship God as we please and be free to help save souls.

Well, boys and girls, I will say goodbye and God bless you until I see you again.

Walter Taylor.

New Home for Girls

Brother J. H. Walker, Mr. Selmon Franklin, architect from Chattanooga, and I were in Washington, D. C., several weeks ago seeking priorities for the new Girls' Home. So far we have been unable to secure priorities. We are hoping that they will be granted soon.

Churches Having Largest Orphanage Offering for the Month of July

Alabama	Crichton
Arizona	Coolidge
Arkansas	Warren
California	San Pedro
Colorado	Denver
Connecticut	New Britain
Delaware	Seaford
District of Columbia	Washington
Florida	Panama City
Georgia	Fitzgerald
Idaho	Wallace
Illinois	Eldorado
Indiana	Metamora
Iowa	Davenport
Kansas	Pleasanton
Kentucky	Crescent Springs
Louisiana	New Orleans
Maine	Portland
Maryland	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Worcester
Michigan	E. Flint
Minnesota	Herman
Mississippi	Morgantown
Missouri	Cantwell
Montana	Lewistown
Nebraska	Omaha
Nevada	Pittman
New Jersey	Newark
New York	Brooklyn
New Mexico	Clayton
North Carolina	Kannapolis
North Dakota	Plaza
Ohio	Canton
Oklahoma	Johnson
Oregon	St. John
Pennsylvania	St. Joseph
South Carolina	Greenville
South Dakota	Coal Springs
Tennessee	Lawrenceburg
Texas	Dallas
Virginia	Norfolk
Washington	Seattle
West Virginia	Seth
Wisconsin	Mosinee
Wyoming	Casper

To draw nigh to God we must close our eyes, ears, and heart to any bid that might be made by Satan or any of his agents or influences to get us to wait until tomorrow.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of Brother and Sister Perdue, who have been afflicted for some time.—Their pastor, Arlie Starn, Alliance, Ohio.

The healing of my body; special unspoken request.—Marie Akin, 1829 17th St., Richmond, Calif.

My mother to be healed and saved; God to undertake for me; my father, also brother in Service.—Miss Thelma Webb, Cashiers, N. C.

My husband and our home.—Mary Ruark, Fruitland, Maryland.

Lost souls at this place and for God to deliver us Christian people as we have been deprived of our Sunday School and church for months.—Dunn, N. C.

My daughter, Mrs. Rothormel, Toledo, Ore., who is afflicted with terrible pains in her head.—Mrs. Mattie Emberson, 1320 Garner St., Salinas, Calif.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Sibyl Watson, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

The healing of my body.—Mattie Chalk, Box 14, Star, Miss.

My little girl's leg, she broke it below the knee two weeks ago.—Mrs. Dave Garlin, Adairsville, Ga.

The Lord to undertake for me as I undergo an operation; my daughter.—Mrs. J. T. Leonard, Barton, Ark.

My husband who had a stroke six months ago and is now in the sanatorium, to be healed and saved; me.—Mrs. Belva Hooper, 206 N. Second St., Nashville 7, Tenn.

My healing, I am bothered with nervousness and a general upset from time to time.—Mrs. Mildred McLellan, W. Scarboro, Maine.

My sister's soul and body.—Bartha Sisk, Rt. 1, Cave City, Ark.

My brother in the Army.—Ruby Douglas, 506 E. Central Ave., Fitzgerald, Ga.

My sister, Mrs. S. H. Luth, who is very sick in the hospital, she cannot get well unless the Lord undertakes.—Miss Irvine Sims, 505 McCord Ave., Albertville, Ala.

A friend to be healed of goitre and heart trouble and drawn closer to the Lord; my brothers in Service.—Mrs. W. S. Weatherford, Charleston, S. C.

The Lord to save my husband and restore his health; a crippled man to be healed; the complete healing of my body; my efforts to be blessed of the Lord that I might get a work started here, this is a very needy place.—Sister Elizabeth Smith, Rt. 1, Coldwater, Miss.

My son in Service.—Grace Grant, Rt. 4, Galax, Va.

The healing of my husband's body, he is in a serious condition with ulcerated stomach; me to be healed of a chest cold and cough; my daughter to be healed of a cyst; my brother to be healed of a broken shoulder and torn leader in his arm.—Mrs. Paul Phillips, Box 64, Ellenton, Fla.

God to undertake for a very special request.—Hazel Daniel, Rt. 1, Box 62, McCrory, Ark.

A brother to be healed of a cold and some kind of heart trouble.—A saint, Lansing, Mich.

My sixth son to be saved, healed and delivered of a habit, he is now sick in Arkansas and needs Jesus so badly; my son in Service.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Rt. 4, Booneville, Miss.

A friend to be healed, she has been bedfast for five years; my husband and brother overseas.—Mrs. T. L. Wilson, Rt. 4, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

My son in the Army; me.—Mrs. Sallie Kirk McCall, Cashiers, N. C.

My son who was wounded in action and is in the hospital in France; his wife.—Mrs. Jesse Higgenbotham, Sr., Trafford, Ala.

The Lord to heal me, I am in a serious condition with cancer.—Mrs. J. F. Martin, Box 36, Vicker, Va.

The healing of Sister Edna Coynn and Sister Halbert, they are in a very serious condition.—Rev. H. C. Loftis, their pastor, Oakman, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of kidney trouble, acid stomach and indigestion. The acid breaks out on my body and I suffer so much.—Sister Fannie Duncan, Matthews, Ga.

The healing of Geneva Raby, Gen. Del., Henryetta, Okla., age eleven years, who has been blind for two years caused from tumor on brain, malnutrition, rickets, neuritis, she is deeply spiritual; God to undertake for me.—A friend, Lexington, N. C.

My son and his wife to be healed, my son has sugar diabetes; my two sons in Service.—Mrs. J. E. Birchmore, 859 Tryon St., Columbia 12, S. C.

God to undertake for my sons. Those near enough, please visit and take him to church that he might get salvation again. His address is Gordon L. Parker M.M. 2/C, U.S.N. Receiving Barracks, c/o Chief of Fire Arms, Div. M., Tacoma, Wash.—His mother, Mrs. Linnie L. Parker, Brook-er, Fla.

The complete healing of my baby's body.—Mrs. R. A. White, Rt. 1, Box 90, Donaldsonville, Ga.

The healing of my twelve-year-old granddaughter who has been sick nearly all her life, she is very sick now.—Sister C. F. Boyd, Valle Mines, Mo.

The healing of Mrs. Stella May Hall, Rt. 5, Cullman, Ala., who is now in Cullman, Ala., hospital, very sick. She is a new convert, a good worker for the Lord and she needs encouragement.—Mrs. Mamie Anderson, Cullman, Ala.

My son in the hospital to be healed; another son in Service in Italy.—Annie Craye, Jim, W. Va.

The Lord to undertake for me.—Mrs. Evie Byers, Rt. 2, Box 210, Jonesboro, Ark.

God to heal my body, I think I have a tumor but I know God can heal; my sons in Service.—Mrs. Sallie Ott, Rt. 3, Golf Rd., Winnsboro, S. C.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

TESTIMONIES

Letter From Soldier Boy

Dear Brother Lemons:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior! How happy I am to know that I am serving a true and living God, a God who will protect me and care for me during my hours of trial, temptation, and persecution, of which there are quite a few more in the Army than in civilian life. It seems as though when fellows don the uniform and get into the Army they, literally speaking, let themselves go. There are many bad habits and practices connected with Army life. There is many a good boy who will be led astray by evil companions and who will fall into evil vices and practices.

I am happy and proud that I accepted the Lord as my own personal Savior. He is so real to me; His nearness and blessings are continually overflowing my heart and soul, although I am ashamed to confess that for a while I was growing a little cool. You know our Bible states that it is the little foxes which spoil the vine, but at the present time the fire burning within my heart is continually fanned by the blessedness of His Holy Spirit.

I received your letter last evening and was both very surprised and very happy to hear from you. I surely appreciate your writing to me. I have subscribed to the Lighted Pathway and our Evangel. These surely are good papers. They are really food to my soul. I have read other Christian papers and I can truthfully say our papers are more down to earth and deeply spiritual than any of those which I have read. After I have finished reading my papers I pass them on to some of my Christian friends and they are loud in their praise of our good papers.

We have a little prayer group over here. We meet each Wednesday night. Our program consists of singing, much praying, testimonies, and Bible reading. We have two, or four rather I should say, English fellows who are Christians who join each Wednesday night in fellowship and worship.

My, how my heart does long to be in a good Holy-Ghost-filled, Church of God service. My ears are straining to hear some good Holy-Ghost-filled

singing, testimonies, and preaching.

Thanks again for writing.—Cpl. Charles H. Brodie.

The Strength of Prayer

When in sin I never knew nor yet realized what it meant to be a Christian nor could my heart comprehend the power in prayer. At last one night in a cottage prayer meeting I surrendered to God and forgot the world and surroundings and was made to know by experience God's power to save. While we prayed God gloriously saved me. Power in prayer was made known to me then. Since then my many experiences have taught me still more. Reading God's Word teaches me more. Oh, how so many have been delivered through prayer, healed through prayer, the dead brought to life again!

After Cornelius had fasted and prayed, an angel from heaven visited him and told him what to do. He did as he was commanded, and what happened? He received the Holy Ghost, and all his household. Yes, power in prayer. God had heard him. Peter prayed, and Tabitha or Dorcas was made alive again. Oh, praise God for the privilege of prayer! Jesus prayed unto the Father all the way. Prayer brings the victory.

Christian friends, continue in prayer, through which channel all victories are won. The devil can't overthrow a prayerful life. Jesus said men ought always to pray and not to faint. Prayer is the key to the powerhouse of God. Let us as Christians begin today to consecrate and pray without ceasing. We may not be able to do as the song says, "Smile your troubles away," but, thanks be to our true and living God, we can pray.

Pray for me and mine. One who loves God and His work.—Lois Braziel, Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.

We Find in Him All We Need

SHAW, Miss.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. Some weeks ago I was suffering from stomach trouble. I sent a request to you for prayer and, praise the Lord, those prayers have been answered. God has healed me of the trouble. I could not eat anything without it hurting me, but now, praise

the Lord, nothing I eat hurts me and I eat anything I want. I praise God because in Him we find all that we need.

Almost fourteen years ago God wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I became a member of the Church of God. Since then there has been a desire in my heart to serve God and help others find peace in Christ Jesus. I enjoy working for and with the young people and for eleven years I have been working in the Y.P.E. at the Shiloh church. We have a faithful band of young people here and many of them have the full blessing and others are seeking the Lord.

We appreciate our pastor, Brother W. F. Sharp, and his family. He has been a faithful pastor for the past year.—Mrs. B. S. Scrivner, Rt. 1, Box 217.

Prayer Answered for Soldier Son

I have just received a letter from my son, the first one I have had in six weeks. He has arrived safely in England, had a nice trip over. He said he really was surprised at not being seasick any at all. He never could ride in a car or train without getting deathly sick, so he had dreaded going across very much on that account. Praise God for answering our prayers for him.

I thank every one who helped me pray for him. Praise His name; He can keep us, protect us and heal our bodies, if we only obey and trust Him. Pray for me, that I will always obey Him and that my life will be a blessing to someone.—Mamie Larley, Forrest City, Ark.

Great Healing Wrought by the Lord

Dear Evangel Readers, I praise the Lord for the healing of my body. After being in bed for two years, I sent for Sister G. W. Alford to come and pray for me. She came where they had set me in a chair and anointed and laid her hands on my feet and prayed and the Lord wonderfully healed me. Now I am able to walk to town and can do my own washing. Oh, I thank the Lord for the healing of my body.—Sarah McKizzic (colored) 202 S. Paris St.

Love will condescend to the lowest and poorest peasant of earth to lift him up, but will not stoop so low as to cater to the highest and richest of earth to be seen of men.

Reports from the Field

Winegar, Wisconsin, Convention

We have just closed a three-day weekend convention at Winegar, Wis., from which all who attended received a blessing in their souls and went away, saying, "It is truly good to be in the house of the Lord."

Our state overseer, Brother Lemuel Johnson, was with us and brought to us wonderful God-given messages, which we all realized were unctionized by the Holy Ghost. Sister Delores Isaacs and Sister Ruth Hawkinson, pastors of the Church of God at Mosinee, Wisconsin, were also with us and we enjoyed their good singing and illustrated Bible stories for the children.

Brother Warren Morneau was an inspiration and blessing throughout the convention. The services were well attended not only by the good people here in Winegar, but by the mighty power and presence of the Holy Ghost. The Lord has been good to us since coming here last February 6. Nine have been saved, four sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School has increased from an average attendance of six to thirty on the roll at the present time. Our young people have become greatly interested in the Y.P.E. services and the attendance has increased from ten to an average of twenty-eight. Praise God, He has His eye upon us up here in the north woods of Wisconsin.

The Lord sent Brother Warren Morneau to us and he helped to make a great improvement on the church property by painting the church and parsonage, besides clearing the land, building a walk from the road to the parsonage, and several other improvements, which are all much appreciated. Since last February the value of the church property has been increased \$400. The parsonage has been refinished and painted inside also. The Y.P.E. purchased a beautiful Heatrola, which is also much appreciated.

We appreciate the help and prayers of the good man of God that He gave us for our overseer, Rev. Lemuel Johnson. God bless him and his family.—*The Upton Evangelistic Party, Winegar, Wisconsin.*

Good News From Sacramento, Calif.

I feel definitely led of the Lord to write a piece for the Evangel readers.

When I first came to Sacramento over a year and a half ago I learned that the Church of God wasn't here any more. In answer to prayer the Lord sent our beloved state overseer, Brother John E. Douglas, up here and with him Brother Kirby J. Hensley and his wife. Brother Douglas got all the Church of God saints together and in less than twenty-four hours after their arrival he set a Church of God in order. The Lord helped us get a nice building for the church in downtown Sacramento, located on Twenty-fourth Street and Second Avenue, and we have a nice piano and nice seats.

We are ready to roll up our sleeves and start a spiritual fight for lost souls and the upbuilding of the Church of God.

Anyone located near Sacramento has a hearty welcome to the Church of God. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Num. 10:29.

The good overseer left rejoicing over the new work here in Sacramento and of the faithfulness of the saints. We request prayer for the new work.—A soldier in the U. S. Army, Cpl. James E. Evans, A.S.N. 38332097, Med. Det. W.S.C.T.C., Camp Kohler, Calif.

Much Accomplished

OAK GROVE, La.—We, the Mt. Zion Church of God, are still praising God for His wonderful power to save and for His love.

We had a wonderful revival with Brother Murray, of Selmer, Tenn., doing the preaching. He is truly a man of God. Many were saved, about seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the Church of God.

We also have a nice church house now and are still working. We have the largest Y.P.E. and Sunday School in the State. We also have a real band of Ladies' Willing Workers.

We are truly proud of our good pastor, Brother Roy Gay. Truly he is a man of God and we love him. Much has been accomplished and we praise God for it. Pray for us.—Joseph A. Bonner, president, Y.P.E.

Thank God for What He Has Done

LOVALLE, Mo.—We have a nice little Sunday School out here in the country. Our attendance ranges from forty to forty-five. When we first came here we had ten in Sunday School. We thank the Lord for what He has done out here. We don't have a Church of God, but by the help of the Lord we hope to have one some day. Please pray for us.—Mable Starnes.

We Are Still Working for Jesus

MYRTLEWOOD, Ala.—Greetings in Jesus' name from the Halfacre Church of God. Someone said the church was dead, but, praise God, we are still working for Jesus. For two years our church was without a pastor, the way seemed dark, but we held on to God's unchanging hand and kept praying.

Praise the dear name of Jesus, God sent Brother Earvin Pardon to our rescue. We love and appreciate Brother Pardon; we believe he is truly a real shepherd, one who cares for God's flock. Our Sunday School is good and growing larger every Sunday. Surely lots of good has been done since Brother Pardon came. We ask an interest in your prayers, that we'll stand true.—Mrs. J. B. Williamson, Rt. 1.

We Are Praying and God Is Blessing

N. KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—I am happy to report for the North Knoxville, Tenn., Church of God Y.P.E. We recently closed an eight weeks' contest which was certainly an uplift to the church. Brother Robert Cain and Brother James Wilson were the captains. The offering and attendance were counted. Brother Cain's group won but a good spirit was manifested throughout the contest by both sides. The total offerings received during the contest were \$453.64 and the crowds were very large each Friday night, for which we praise God. Not only is the financial tide running high and the crowds large but we have been having some glorious services and a goodly number of souls have been saved. We are praying and God is blessing.

Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Wilson, and his family have been a blessing to the church. Pray that God will continue to bless and more souls will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Miss Christine Gilbert, Y.P.E. president.

Edgewood Grove Camp Meeting Has Mortgage-Burning Service

One of the largest throngs of spectators that ever gathered at a Church of God meeting in the State of Pennsylvania were present Sunday evening, July 23, the closing service at Edgewood Grove camp meeting at Somerset, Pa. Right in the very midst of an enthusiastic song service, the presiding bishop of the meeting, Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, overseer of the State of Pennsylvania, opened the mortgage-burning service. The young overseer gallantly arose and stepped to the microphone, every inch of his six-foot frame burning with a zeal and desire to win men for Christ. Immediately he began reminding the people, turning their minds back to the first Church of God meetings that were held in Pennsylvania, stating that many ministers of the great Church of God blazed their way from one state to another, and eventually were led into the great Keystone State of Pennsylvania, a place where many obstacles were encountered. For a while it looked as though this state would close its doors against the Church of God, but after much prayer and supplication on the part of these pioneers, some have already entered the Church Triumph, while others are still carrying on. Folks began to respond here and there. Churches began to be set in order, and, finally, the overseer and the few ministers in Pennsylvania caught the vision and the need for a campground site. Right in the midst of their wandering state someone suggested this spot, which is now known as the Edgewood Grove Campground. Those were very slow days, but the vision of the men was great and large. Every overseer that ever came to the State of Pennsylvania, and every minister that ever labored in the State, have all contributed in making Edgewood Grove the most beautiful camp in the Church of God.

When Brother Brinsfield came to the State of Pennsylvania, he found much work to be done—the great debt on the camp had to be liquidated, improvements had been made up to this time, but greater improvements were now needed, the many churches of Pennsylvania needed the attention of the overseer, new churches were being organized, the work was growing by leaps and bounds, money had to be raised for the local churches, for the

camp meeting and for the mission cause. Immediately he went to work; the untiring efforts were beginning to be noticed as he travelled across the state time and time again, visiting the churches and encouraging the growth. While the hungry throng of spectators watched him as he gave a report of the Church of God camp up until that moment, hundreds and hundreds of folks were literally crying as they were reminded of the hardships and debts of the days gone by; but in the midst of aching hearts, Brother Brinsfield, holding in his left hand a duplicate sheet of the mortgage that now was cancelled and paid, and in his right hand a match which he struck, signifying to the people that the Church of God started with a little light, he cried in loud tones, telling them that this sheet of paper was like the unevangelized fields of the world and the match was the fire of the Church of God. He placed the match to the mortgage debt and again he cried out, and said, "It's paid." It is impossible to describe what happened here but it was something like when Solomon prayed when the temple was dedicated and the Shekinah of the Lord fell and it filled the tabernacle. The people began shouting and dancing and they fell for the joy of the Lord had come down, and as the fire was consuming the mortgage debt, Brother Brinsfield said, "So shall the Church of God penetrate the unevangelized world with the gospel."

Immediately following, the Second Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, a man whose equal is hard to find, a defender and champion of Christianity, whose every sermon is anointed by the Spirit of God, whose passion for the lost is only like that of Charles G. Finney, burned the second duplicate of the mortgage, and a second blessing fell. While the paper was being consumed by the quickening blaze of the fire, up stepped another young man who burned the third mortgage duplicate—this young man who had travelled up and down the State of Pennsylvania for years, working under several overseers, giving his highest support to the Church of God, who is known as the "Homer Rodeheaver" of the Church of God because of his trombone that is always with him in all kinds of weather as he travels from church to church in the State of Pennsylvania as Sunday School and

state superintendent of the Y.P.E., Rev. D. N. Lykens. Rev. Lykens will be married to Miss Olena Moreland on Friday, September 22.

Now a word concerning the camp meeting. We were privileged to have with us Rev. D. B. Yow, radio minister of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was the guest evangelist. Rev. Yow came to us with his evangelistic party. His sermons were simple but powerful, his language was like that of a common preacher but the results were as those of D. L. Moody. The mourners' benches in D. L. Moody's meetings were too small to accommodate the seekers; so were those in D. B. Yow's meetings. There was never enough room to accommodate the large numbers of seekers.

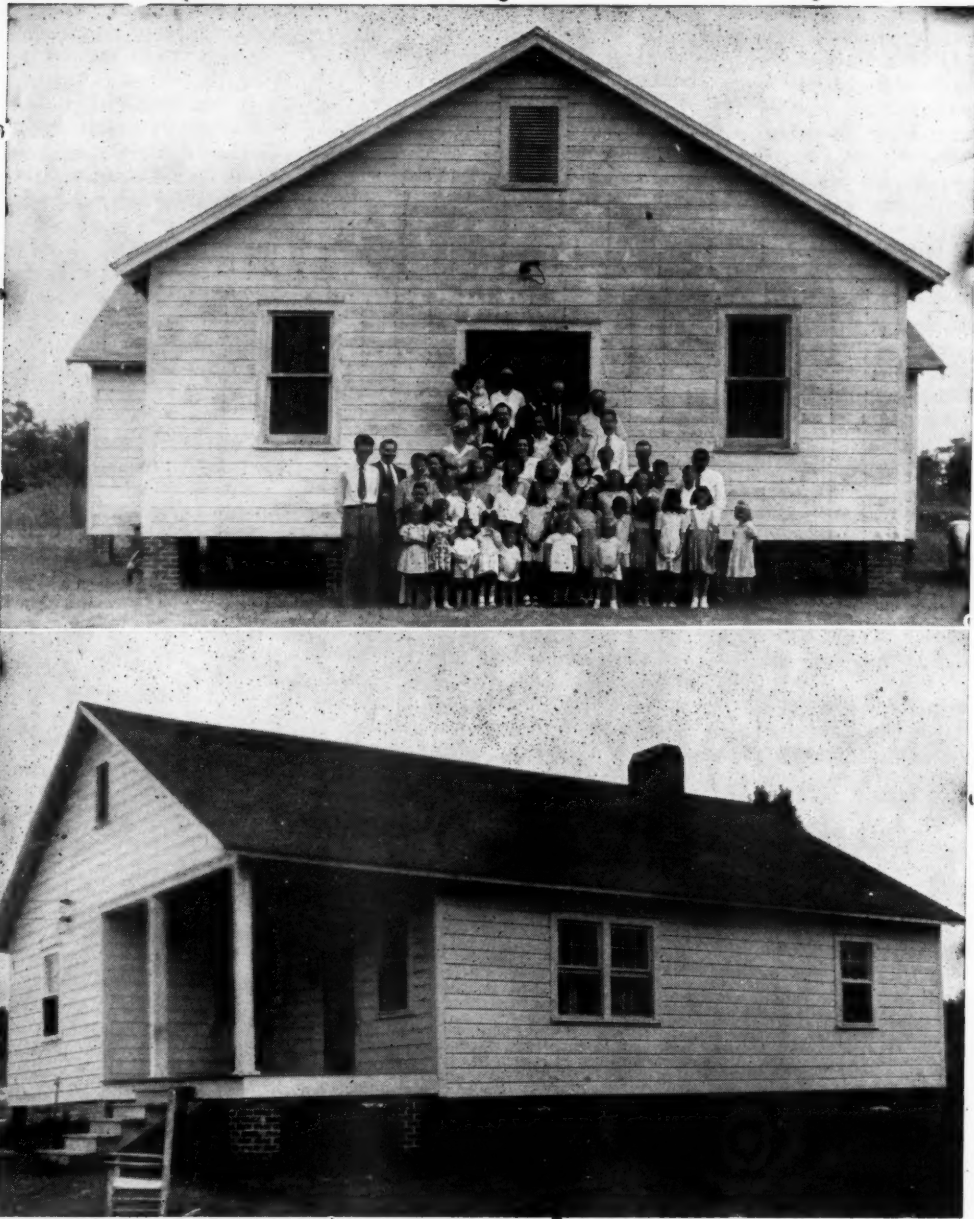
Dear readers, space permits not for a more descriptive account of the great camp meeting, but for a complete story, write to Evangelist A. Fusco, Box 47, York, Pa. Thank you.—*Evangelist A. Fusco, camp meeting reporter.*

Arizona Blessed This Year

TUCSON, Ariz.—I thank and praise God for the way He has blessed us out here in Arizona this year. It is our third year. We started with seven members I believe, had twenty last year when Brother Acridge came; we now have forty-four. We had sixty for Sunday School last Sunday. Much good has been done. The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band has put in new furnishings for the parsonage. The men have plastered the church and celled it.

We all love our pastor and his wife; they are fine and really lift the standard of holiness in every way. We thank God for sending them to us, for the few we did have were really praying folks and God does answer prayer. We are expecting greater things in the future. We also have fellowship meeting with other churches. In our last meeting our church was packed, couldn't get seats for all. Our pastor also won the beautiful Bible at camp meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., given by our dear Brother Crank, state overseer, for the church making the greatest all-round progress since the Assembly. Pray for us that we might have a Mexican church and work here. It is a good field for Mexican speaking preachers. We want to get a tent for the State of Arizona. It can be done.—Sister Kate McGhee, 4320 S. Liberty.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AT CLOVER, SOUTH CAROLINA



June 25, 1944, will always be a memorable day for the church folks in Clover, S. C. An all-day service with dinner served at the church, where there are only seventeen members, proved to be the greatest home-coming they have ever had. A former pastor, W. J. Hodges, preached in the morning and the people were greatly blessed. In the afternoon we had the happy privilege to attend and have a

part in one of the best, most spiritual offerings ever witnessed in our ministry. The church was in debt \$976 for the parsonage, having raised over \$200 just a few weeks before this day; but on that day the entire balance was raised and now they are free of debt, for which they are a happy people.

The church and parsonage, a nice five-room home, next door to the

church, are pictured above, with the Sunday School. Rev. Herman Clark, Jr., was with them in a revival at the time of the picture. With a hard working group of people like these to work with there is no telling what they, with their good pastor, Rev. J. B. Sloan, and his faithful wife will be able to do for the Lord.—W. L. Edgar, district overseer.

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of my youth. Oh, what a wonderful Savior who came to save a lost world from sin and shame! We are living in the last days, and we need much power to fight against the enemy of the soul. We thank God for our beloved overseer and wife who are fighting their best to keep this work up. Brother Rigby and wife are a blessing in this Island. Our former church house is going down and he is trying his best to put up another one. Thank God for the Church of God and its teachings. Oh, may the Spirit touch the hearts of those that read this.—Walter Alexander Hall, Kew Turk Island, B.W.I.

We Feel Like Going On for God

To the Evangel Readers:

I am glad to report victory through the blood of Jesus. He keeps me saved from sin. Thank God, He has given me strength to walk nine and one-half miles to Battle Creek where Brother Rigby is putting a top on a little building because the house that we used to have church in was too small. After God had given me power to reach over the rocky road, I reached the little home with great joy. Dear Saints, please pray for us, that the Lord will give us power to carry this work on in these Islands, because I see that Jesus is coming and the time is at hand that He will save souls for His kingdom. Let us tear down the strongholds of Satan and build up the kingdom of God.—P. L. Rigby, Grand Turk Island.

HOW I CAME TO KNOW CHRIST

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and the burden grew so until I thought I would lie down and sleep it off. But the bed was hard and knotty and I could not rest. I was the most miserable person in the world that afternoon. I made up my mind to heed the call and start meetings. When I reached that decision the old burden left and I could rest anywhere. They say that God doesn't make us do anything, He just makes us willing to. He certainly made me willing to start preaching.

In later years I failed to preach as God wanted me to. I believe that is the reason I am in the Army today. When I get out of here I intend to preach holiness in its fulness. Dear

ones, don't let anybody, even a preacher with a D.D., Ph.D., or LL.D. after his name, tell you that you can use tobacco and go to heaven. The degree that he receives in some college doesn't make him know more than God. The tobacco habit is a filthy habit and the Bible says in 2 Cor. 7:1, "Having these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Read the following scriptures: 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Heb. 12:14; Ezek. 18:4; Romans 6:23; Isa. 55:2, and 1 John 3:1-9.

I write this in hopes that someone may get a blessing out of it. Don't let any man deceive you. Read your Bible and go by it. Let every man be a liar and God be the truth.

A GOOD PART

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ever been guilty of such? Well, it is just one tool the devil uses to cumber your mind, to keep out that good part. I'm afraid many people of God accept his cumbrances, but we can make the number one less by resisting the cumbrances and choosing that good part.

Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing," 2 Tim. 4:7, 8. Do you know why Paul knew he had a crown awaiting him? Because he had chosen that good part and if we choose rightly we, too, have the assurance of a crown awaiting us.

THE SIN OF PRE-EMINENCE

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ground with all seeming friendship, Joab takes hold of Amasa's beard to greet him with a holy kiss, enquires of his health, "Art thou in health, my brother?" and with the other hand thrust the dagger under his fifth rib. The sin of pre-eminence exalts itself as our friend to our face, and strikes a dagger into our hearts at our back. There has been many a kiss designed to cover an evil motive. Moreover,

3. IT IS AN IMPUDENT SIN. Joab killed Amasa at the very head of his troops, in the sight of all the soldiers, as one that was neither ashamed nor

afraid. Those who love to have first place are not afraid to speak evil of dignities (2 Peter 2:10), and they will speak against them right among the army of God, that is, right in Church. Then we see,

4. HOW IT AFFECTED THE BATTLE. When Amasa was daggered, he fell down in the road in front of the army, and wallowed in his blood. The Bible says, "And all the army stood still." Two laymen may fight each other and cause a great deal of trouble, but they can never block the progress of the entire Church; but just let two leaders, who have the responsibility of guiding the Church, begin to quarrel, and watch the whole Church stand still. In the army many common soldiers fight each other, and yet the battle goes on according to plan; but when the high leaders become disunified, you may expect defeat.

No one can doubt but that the great progress of our Church is ascribed to the unity of our leaders. This has attracted the mind of more people than any other quality. Let us as ministers and overseers realize then that if we lose this good quality we are bound to lose our power with God and our influence with man.

People Surprised at the Power of God

MORRISTOWN, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for the way He has brought me out. Oh, the Lord means so much to me. On the 19th day of May we had a bad car wreck. To the most of the people's surprise the Lord performed a miracle. I was hurt so badly I could not tell just how badly I was hurt. Both jaws were broken, the end of my tongue almost cut off, and my chin and mouth cut very badly. My neck was very near broken and I was bruised almost all over. But praise the Lord, I am up now, helping to do the work, going to church, helping to carry on in this good holy way. I thank the people and praise the Lord because they were good to us here at Morristown, also the folk at LaFollette. Praise the Lord! And our dear state overseer also came to our rescue. I will never forget him. I praise the Lord for the many, many prayers that have gone up for me. Please continue to pray for me. My jaw still swells and gives me trouble, but I am looking to the Lord for complete healing.—Mrs. Baxter Bryant, 609 Hi St.

REVIVALS

We had a series of meetings at Cedar Grove Church of God (mission), conducted by Rev. Russel Ford, of Baltimore, Md., which was a great success and we enjoyed the cooperation of the different churches. There certainly was a good spirit among all the people. There is a possibility of re-establishing a work at the church at Cedar Grove, which was the first Church of God that was established on Kanuwha River. Pray for us, that we will always be true to God and His Church.—Louis E. Kinsolving, pastor.

ALBEMARLE, N. C.—We praise the Lord for our revival at Albemarle, N. C., which closed June 30. The Lord blessed, for which we thank Him. Brother J. H. Daniels, of Concord, N. C., preached the first week. He brought some good messages. He was followed the next two weeks by Brother A. L. Gardin, of Rosman, N. C. His messages were inspiring and enjoyed by the people. A number received different experiences from God. The crowds were large and the church was blessed. We closed for our state convention one week. Then Brother Childers and his good, humble quartet conducted five nights' services. The Lord came on the scene and blessed their efforts with a number saved and sanctified. We feel like it was a treat to have them with us. Pray for Albemarle; we have some good people to work with, people who want to see the good work go on. God is blessing. Pray for us.—Mrs. Roscoe Conner.

LANCASTER HILL, Tenn. — We praise the Lord for the wonderful things He has done for us here at Lancaster Hill. On July 30 we closed our revival which ran for two weeks. Rev. G. W. Brummitt is a successful evangelist. We feel that the Lord led him to this place. Nine were saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost. Our services came to a close with feet washing and communion. The power of God was manifested in a mighty way. We are happy to say our church has increased in every department spiritually, financially, and in

Notice to Relatives and Friends of Service Men and Women

Parents and friends of boys and girls in the Armed Forces are urged to cooperate with our War-Time Service Department in supplying and keeping the addresses of those in Service up to date. In our efforts to reach them by correspondence and through personal contact, many have been missed altogether because we did not have the addresses and because many of the men had been transferred.

Visits to the camps have been very profitable, but many others of our boys are present in the camps who would have appreciated the privilege of attending the Service Pastor's group meetings, but who could not be reached because their addresses had not been forwarded.

This department is endeavoring to keep in contact with all soldiers, sailors, marines, and women in the Service. We have sent out more than 18,000 letters of encouragement to them recently and are hearing from them daily. We should be pleased to have the name of your son or daughter on this list.—F. W. Lemons, National Service Pastor, The Church of God.

attendance. Pray for us to stay on fire for God and win many lost souls to Christ.—Mrs. Henry Woodard, Rt. 1, Hickman, Tenn.

CONWAY, S. C.—A few months ago we had one of the greatest revivals ever known to be here. Brother Carl Ellenburg did the preaching and Brother Ross Morgan brought a message in special singing each evening. Large crowds attended throughout the revival. Twenty-two were saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and nine added to the church.

After the revival had been in progress about a week and the people were obeying the Lord, fingerings began to slip off, and snuff cans

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My husband's complete healing of sugar diabetes; my two brothers in Service, one of whom is overseas.—Sister Navella Gee, Rt. 1, Box 375, Pampa, Tex.

God to undertake for a case.—Mrs. J. H. Youngblood, Juniper, Ga.

The healing of my father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith, Rt. 1, Carmi, Ill., both of whom are in a rundown condition, dad is sick so much and is unsaved; their son and grandson overseas. They need and will appreciate encouragement. My husband to be healed; our little ten-year-old daughter to be healed, her nose bleeds so much.—Mrs. Arlie Crayne, 809 N. 7th St., Carmi, Ill.

God to undertake for my husband, brother and me.—A sister in Christ, Neodesha, Kans.

The Lord to heal me of kidney trouble and other ailments.—Mrs. R. C. Connell, 466 West and Eva Sts., Bainbridge, Ga.

The healing of Edward Fouts who was hurt in an accident at work about one year ago.—Brother Patterson, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

and cigarettes came to view and disappeared. One elderly gentleman, seventy years old, thought he was all right and was seeking sanctification. He prayed for sometime but could get nowhere. He said the Lord told him he had something in his pocket that didn't belong there. He pulled his snuff can from his pocket and came up shouting. People who had gone to the moving picture shows for years failed to go while the revival was on, and some were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Now they have lost interest in the shows.—Mrs. Claude Hyder, clerk.

The person who gives a good man a bad name will never get what he expected in return for the gift, but will get what he intended for the other fellow to get.